Working On Road Program

A new chapter in the history of highway development in Virginia will begin within the next few weeks when construction is started on the first interstate project to be built in accordance with provisions of the 1956 federal highway act.

Beginning of construction on the first section of a bypass of Emporia on US Route 301 in Greensville County will signal the start of a gigantic program which, when completed, will help solve some problems that once appeared insurmountable - traffic congestion, driving hazards, economic loss and a rising accident death rate on major through highways.

When the 15-year interstate program is completed, a motorist will be able to take his car over a nation-wide network of 41,000 miles of the best and safest highways ever built.

In Virginia, 1,012 miles will be built as part of this system of highways, which are basic defense arteries that in time of emergency could be used to carry men and equipment where they are needed for the defense of the nation.

Strict design standards have been set by the federal government and the states for construction of these highways. Traffic lanes are to be at least 12 feet wide, shoulders 10 feet wide, and medians (divider strips between main traffic lanes) will vary from eight to 36 feet. Control of access, which is mandatory, is one of the key features of the interstate program.

Control of access, a relatively new term in highway design, means that vehicles are permitted to enter main traffic lanes only at specified control points, by means of safe and efficient feeder roads.

Safety is one of the key elements in the new highway program. Controlled - access roads have been proven more efficient and safer in studies made by national safety organizations. It has been estimated that when the national interstate system is completed, about 3,500 lives a year can be saved.

The new interstate routes will have no service facilities except rest areas, for motorists. There will be no businesses, such as restaurants, service stations and motels to compete with establishments already on existing highways. Motorists will have to leave interstate highways to eat and sleep, or to buy gasoline and oil.

Controlled-access features, which insure the permanence of a road, were specified for the national interstate network when Congress passed the federal aid highway act of 1956. The stanrards, which were recommended by the American Association of State Highway Officials, and approved by the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, must be met before a state can qualify for its share of interstate money. Although the interstate highways are to be financed on a 90-10 per cent matching basis, control and administration remain with the states.

The standards set for the interstate routes were considered necessary because today's highways, with heavy traffic and extensive commercial development, breed accidents and cause delay and congestion that cost the motorist time and money. As commercial development has increased, many main highways have reached the point where they cannot carry the traffic using them. A controlled-access highway with the same number of lanes of the same width can carry up to twice as many vehicles as a road on which access is not controlled.

In addition to the all-important safety features of controlled-access roads, engineers point out, there are economic considerations that are essential elements in the program. The elimination of frequent stops and delays caused by traffic jams means money saved by highway users. Lower accident rates are reflected in reduced insurance costs.

Highway engineers say the overall benefits of a network of adequate roads will be tremendous. Experience in states that have built turnpikes and freeways has shown that good roads increase land values and aid in the development of industry.

Engineers now are engagtd in making location studies along hundreds of miles of interstate roads throughout Virginia. As required by the federal highway act, hearings have been held on more than a dozen projects to acquaint the public with the general locations proposed for the routes. Additional hearings on other projects will be scheduled as studies are advanced.

By the end of this year, the Department hopes to have awarded contracts for at least nine interstate projects involving a total of more than $100,000,000.

AT ELECTRIC CO-OP DINNER IN WASHINGTON, D. C., LAST WEEK

When the Virginia Association of Electric Cooperatives entertained the Members of Congress from Virginia last week in Washington, C. S. Hooper, Jr., manager of the Southside Electric Cooperative, of Crewe, was very much in the middle of things. He is shown in the picture above with Senator Harry Flood Byrd, Admiral P. N. L. Bellinger, Congressman Watkins M. Abbitt and Dean Frederick B. Sayre, Jr., of the Episcopal Cathedral. The later was guest speaker at the dinner. More than 200 were present.

About The Home

By Frances Dell

Not many years ago, Spring —and spring house-cleaning—were synonymous terms to the homemaker. It meant three days of discomfort for the family, and complete exhaustion for the lady of the house.

Today, a spring cleaning job can be done without the old pushing, pulling, hauling, and taking down and putting in place again. It sounds like magic but you simply need to have, and put to use, the chemical and mechanical aids that are on the market today.

For dusting, there are a number of vacuum type electric cleaners. It would have been next to impossible for grandmother, even with a retinue of helpers, to have kept her floors fi rugs, drapes, and closets dust-free as you and your modern vacuum-cleaner can do today.

There are many new cleaners, most of which can be used on anything water won't hurt. You will find cleaners for individual problems — for washing wallpaper, woodwork, floors, painted walls, linoleum floors, rugs, upholstery, silver, brass and glass.

Among the latest products available to make housework more pleasant are the household deodorants. They do away with unpleasant odors of musty closets, stale cigar and cigarette smoke, food and cooking odors.

Even the old job of cleaning and polishing wooden furniture has been made easier. In fact, both processes can now be done in one operation with the new cream wax-es. Just wipe it on and off quickly and your furniture is left with a clean, satiny finish — no hard rubbing.

However, paste wax is still more desirable for surfaces like coffee and dining table tops, which take lots of wear and tear. There are some fine scratch-concealing waxes that are easy to use and remarkably effective.

Homemakers Items

Clever and decorative home-made corsages for party favors can be made with tiny gumdrops wrapped in saran wrap, arranged on a small paper doily, and tied with a ribbon.

To keep the tops of metal salt shakers from corroding, cover the inside of the tops with melted paraffin and then open the holes with a pin as the paraffin cools.

Before cleaning a stove or furnace, rub soap under your fingernails to prevent dirt from getting under them.

Save steps by storing kitchen utensils near the place where they are most often used. Near the stove, store frying pans, pancake turner, long fork, ladle, potato or food masher, and cooling rack. Near the sink, put dishpan, dish draining rack, vegetable brush, colander, and wire strainer. Near the mixing center, store rotary egg beater, mixing bowls, can opener, measuring spoons, custard cups, and casserole.

An easy way to close a long hard-to-reach zipper in the back of a dress is to thread a string through the hole in the tab of the zipper, put the string over your shoulder, and pull.

Zippers will run more smoothly if they are "lubricated" occasionally with a little paraffin. Rub the paraffin along the teeth of the zipper and brush away any excess.

Demonstration Club Schedule

"New Ways to Serve Apple and Fruit Dishes" will be the demonstration and "Safe Water Supply" the Federation topic at meetings of Home Demonstration Clubs next week. The schedule:

June 3: Bethany Home Demonstration Club will meet at 1:30 P. M. with Mrs. Fred Martin. Demonstration will be given by Mrs. R. E. Harris and Mrs. R. W. Staples.

June 4: Lee Club will meet at 10 A. M. with Mrs. R. W. Morris. Demonstration will be given by Mrs. George Purdue and Mrs. Hunt Hamilton. Members bring covered dish lunch.

June 4: Stonewall Club will meet at 2 P. M. at Stonewall Community Center, with Mrs. P. B. Stratton and Miss Edna Adcock as co-hostesses. Demonstration will be given by Mrs. Wilton Routon and Mrs. L. B. Hudson. Please note change of day due to program planning meeting on regular day.

June 5: Country Lane Club will meet at 10:45 A. M. with Mrs. J. N. Jennings. Demonstration will be given by Mrs. Charlie Carter and Mrs. J. C. Cole. Foods demonstrated will be served for lunch. Note change in day and hour of meeting.

June 5: Glendale Club will meet at 2 P. M. with Mrs. W. W. Overton. Demonstration will be given by Mrs. E. W. Marshall Sr. and Mrs. F. J. Nash, Sr.

June 6: Oakville Club will meet at 2 P. M. with Mrs. C. D. Lewis. Demonstration will be given by Mrs. Harry Harris and Mrs. Everette Phelps.

Health and Beauty

It is quite amazing to what extent some women crave beauty, and yet utterly fail to preserve or improve upon that which nature has given them.

At the beaches this summer, women will be seen exposing their faces to the blistering rays of Old Sol. Some of them screw up their eyes and squint in a most unbecoming manner. Many of them will return home with a crop of freckles, contracts greatly to looks. It is fool a coat of powder cover up these

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Father Darkleaf

By c. h. r.

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PEN HOUSE" AT POUT SPRING

Rev. Collin Godwin announces there will be an "Open House" the home of Spout Spring Church this Sunday after- The hours will be from 3 to

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10—Richwood Home Dem- Club will meet at 7:30 with Mrs. E. Carter Martin. tration will be given by Mrs. ge and Mrs. Floyd ney.

11—4-H Meal Preparation petition meeting, at the agent's office at 2:00 P. M.

11—Clover Hill Home Dem- Club will meet at 7:30 with Mrs. Jessie Carwile. Verna Conner and Mrs. A. F. will give the demonstration.

13—Brooks Home Demon- Club will meet at 7:30 P. with Mrs. Mildred Inge. Mrs. and Mrs. J. H. Ranson demonstration. Please in date of meeting.

14—Appomattox County Agent's office. ng Meeting, 10:00 A. H. Scott, VPI Horti- will score 4-H Garden

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Predict Record Vote Here Tuesday

NEWS ABOUT APPOMATTOX .....

The Confederate Monument ..... The River ..... Presbyterians .....

The Confederate Monument

When Hurricane Hazel struck in this area on October 15, 1954, lots of damage was done. The roof was demolished at Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin. The famous Mammoth Oak at the Guy Smith farm was a casualty.

But perhaps the biggest damage occurred when a great tree in the courtyard at New Appomattox Court House fell across the prized Confederate Monument, and demolished the prized figure of a Confederate Soldier. It was a serious blow to the county where Confederate traditions are so precious. It was a rare piece of Italian stone, and it would have been very costly to replace.

Sheriff David T. Robertson gathered the bits and broken pieces of the Confederate Monument for safe keeping. Then he began a study of the possibility of putting the monument back together. He secured a very special stone cement from Germany, and quietly experimented with its use. And bit by bit, he has now put it all back together! The few missing bits were replaced with this special stone cement, and the whole monument so welded together with the tireless effort of the sheriff that it now stands as a magnificant job. Last item: the monument has been taken to a special plant to be repolished. Then: it will be hoisted to its oroginal position in the court yard—as good as new. Why not have a program and unveil it all over again????

Presbyterians

In recent months there has been a regrouping of the Presbyterian churches in this part of Virginia. In past years, local churches have been a part of West Hanover Presbytery. In the regrouping, many changes were made, with West Hanover including twice as many churches, all the way to Roanoke, Danville, etc. So a new name was sought for the Presbytery. The Synod of Virginia has now approved the new name. It is: APPOMATTOX Presbytery.

The River

The Appomattox River is rather small as it meanders through Appomattox County, from its source just west of Old Appomatox Court House. But the river gets larger, and it is a fairly big river by the time it joins the James River at City Point, below Petersburg. Now, a project is being considered to build a multi-million dollar dam on the Appomattox River near Petersburg, to harness its waters for the public welfare. A sum of $24,000 is being set up by interested cities to study this project.

Up to 400 votes may be cast in next Tuesday's binennial Town of Appomattox election. Voters will select a Mayor and six members of the Town Council, all to serve for a term of two years.

There are approximately 450 eligible to vote in the town election. It is understood that approximately 60 mail ballots have been voted, indicating the degree of interest in the election.

There are two candidates for the office of Mayor. The incumbent, Richard D. Robinson, is being opposed by C. T. Moses, Jr., former Councilman. Mr. Robinson is serving out the unexpired term of C. F. James.

There are thirteen candidates for the six places on Town Council. In the order in which they filed, they are: John C. Caldwell, J. T. Irby, Mrs. Calvin H. Robinson, S. J. Evans, J. T. Almond, T. Hunter Dickerson, Grover P. Smith, C. C. Poe, Grover P. Beasley Jr., B. H. Guill, Ivey Holland, C. Lewis McDearmon, John S. Grinels.

Five of the above are incumbent members of council: Caldwell, Mrs. Robinson, Smith, Dickerson and Irby. W. S. Gill, sixth member of the present council, did not offer for re-election.

Hours for voting are as follows: Polls open at 6:30 A. M. and close at 7:30 P. M.

Florida Glee Club Here June 13

A group of 100 or more from Florida will be in Appomattox next Tuesday, as a stop on a combination concert and educational tour of the Florida Mainland High School Glee Club.

The Glee Club, about 100 strong, with parent chaperones, will leave Daytona Beach, Florida this Sunday on the tour. On Tuesday evening, a concert will be given by the group, in conjunction with the U. S. Army Band from Fort Myer, Va. The Glee Club will give a concert at the Hotel John Marshall, Richmond, Va., on June 10. Other concerts will be given at Walter Reed Hospital, and in Winston-Salem, N. C.

The stop in Appomattox will be noon, and the group will have lunch while here. The stop will include a visit to the McLean House and other historic places and scenes at Old Appomattox Court House.

We are advised that the group would be prepared to give a brief Glee Club concert here if any local group desired to have them do so. In such event, the local National Park Service Office should be contacted.

The Director of the Tour writes that he is most anxious to have the stop at Old Appomattox make a lasting impression on the group and has written for advance booklets and information to make the visit successful. And it might be well for a number of local citizens to go to the Old Court House just before noon June 13, to welcome the guests from Florida.

AHS Offers Summer School

Appomattox High School will conduct summer school from June 17 to August 2, if enough students register. The courses to be offered will be English and history or government.

Parents are urged to encourage children to take advantage of this opportunity to make up work they have failed.

Students must register at the High School Office by 2:00 P. M., June 8, 1957. Tuition must be paid by June 14 at the High School Office.

Also offered will be a course in typing, open to anyone, student or adult.

Banks Host To Farmers

The Blue Ridge Clearinghouse Association, composed of Banks in the City of Lynchburg, and the Counties of Amherst, Appomattox, and Campbell will hold its annual Banker-Farmer Meeting at New London Academy, beginning at 2:00 P. M., on June 8.

An interesting farm tour has been arranged for the afternoon, the evening meal will be served on the school grounds with the usual abundance of good food, and the program will be concluded with a short and constructive meeting following the meal. Those interested either directly or indirectly in better farming methods are invited to attend with their friends.

1957 GRADUATES AT THE EVERGREEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Above: Graduates of 7th Grade of Evergreen School, left to right: Charles Rupert Irvin, Patsy Lee Farrar, Richard Floyd Hamilton, Brenda Lee Clapp, Melvin Douglas Childress and Betty Alise Almond.

The seventh grade of Evergreen Elementary School had graduation exercises at the school on Tuesday, June 4, at 8 P. M. The following members of the seventh grade participated:

Melvin Douglas Childress
Richard Floyd Hamilton
Charles Rupert Irvin
Betty Alise Almond
Brenda Lee Clapp
Patsy Lee Farrar.

Speaker at the exercise was Dr. Aubrey Keesee.

History of the Class

On September 8, 1950, a timid group of six year olders entered the pathway of Evergreen school. There were six of us to be exact, and we were as green as the name of our school implies (Ever-green).

We soon realized that our school here was like one big happy family. The older pupils looked with compassion upon us. They had been taught to help take care for the smaller children, especially on the playground.

We soon discovered our duties and privileges under the direction of our most capable teacher, Mrs. Lucie B. Staples, who has also served faithfully as principal through our entire stay here. Miss Anne Harrison was our school supervisor at this time.

In the year 1951, Brenda Clapp joined the group in the second grade. One of our classmates moved away, others dropped back.

After becoming acustomed to school the time swiftly glided past and we then found the road much smoother than the year before.

In 1952, our teacher introduced to our new school supervisor, Dr. Aubrey Keesee. She said it would be hard for us to remember his name but she would continue to pronounce it for us. After having him work with us we are sure we could never forget.

Having completed three successful years we left Mrs. Staples' room and were promoted to the fourth grade. Here we learned many les-

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Abbitt Bill Passes in The House

Washington, June 3.- Representative Abbitt (D-Va.) announced today that the House of Representatives passed the Abbitt tobacco bill, H. R. 7295, which provides for the separation of Virginia Dark - Fired Tobacco Type 21 from the Tennessee - Kentucky Types 22 and 23 so far as determining and proclaiming marketing quotas and acreage allotments.

The bill also puts the Virginia Dark-Fired tobacco on its own parity support plus a guarantee that the support price in the future shall not be less than the 1957 support price which is approximately $2 above the 1956 support.

In commenting on the bill, Representative Abbitt stated "For a number of years, the acreage allotments for dark-fired tobacco have been based on the over-all supply and demand of all dark-fired tobacco. This will compel the Department of Agriculture to fix the acreage allotments for Virginia Dark-Fired tobacco on its own merits."

The Fourth District Congressman further pointed out "This legislation, if passed by the Senate, should go a long way toward permitting Virginia Dark-Fired tobacco producers to recapture and expand their export trade. For a number of years, exporters have not been able to fill their orders which means that foreign manufacturers have had to secure a large part of their supply from foreign countries. This bill should remedy that situation in the future provided we can get the Department of Agriculture to properly administer the program."

Abbitt said "We have been working a long time to get such legislation as this enacted into law. I, of course, am elated in the action of the House of Representatives today and hope the Senate will speedily approve this legislation. Certainly I shall do everything I can in trying to expedite the action by the Senate."

Civil Service Calls Examination For Postmaster at Appomattox

An examination for Postmaster at Appomattox, Va., $4,890 a year, will be open for receipt of applications until June 28, 1957, the Civil Service Commission has announced.

The Commission is taking all possible steps through special publicity to civic and other community organizations to encourage well qualified persons to apply for the examination.

Competitors for the postmaster vacancy in this locality must have at least 2 years of experience showing that they have the ability to conduct and manage the community's postal business efficiently and to supervise employees so that customers are satisfied with the service.

Competitors must show that they can deal with the public agreeably and effectively and that they are reliable citizens who would command the respect and confidence of patrons of the post office.

Applicants must take a written test. Those who pass will be assigned final ratings on the basis of this test and on their experience, ability, and character. There is a 1-year residence requirement and applicants must have reached their 18th birthday on the closing date for receipt of applications. Persons over 70 years of age may not be appointed.

Complete information about the examination requirements and instructions for filing applications may be obtained at the post office for which this examination is being announced. Application forms must be filed with the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C., and must be received or postmarked not later than the closing date.

JAMES A. FRANKLIN HEADS VERA P.-T. A.

Vera P.-T A. met at the school last Wednesday evening. The following officers were elected for next year:

President, James A. Franklin
Vice-pres., Russell Chernault
Secretary, Mrs. James Franklin
Treasurer, Mrs. J. R. Megginson.

An interesting program was presented by the 7th grade: Cora Phelps, Jim Webb, Joel Carnefix, Dorothy Wooten, Jean Brown, Wayne Gobble, Barbara Ragland, and Carolyn Childers. Dr. Aubrey Keesee was guest speaker.

Trinity W. S. C. S.

The Womans Society of Christian Service of the Trinity Methodist Church met with Mrs. J. T. Morris and Mrs. T. R. Martin at their home on May 16. The meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. Russell Martin, president. Theme for the month was "We give because we love." Mrs. Russell Martin gave a Meditation. Mrs. Melvin Drinkard presented the pledge cards. Mrs. Ashby Martin rendered a solo. Mrs. J. T. Morris was made a Life Member of W. S. C. S. Little Penny Sue Martin was made Baby Member.

The annual meeting for the Appomattox Circuit wil the held in July with Rev. Aaron Smith.

Chicago White Sox is top place in American League.

Softball League

Team	W	L
Appomattox Garment Co.	6	1
Oakville	5	2
Simpson	4	3
Concord	2	3
Transco	2	4
Jaycees	0	6

Results of Games:
May 30: Transco 8, Jaycees, 4; Simpson, 13, Garment Co., 2.
May 31: Concord 8, Transco 4; Oakville 11, Jaycee 2.
June 3: (replay of tie game) Transco 7, Simpson 5.
June 4: Garment Co. 7, Transco 5; Simpson 5, Oakville 1.

Schedule
June 6: Concord vs Jaycees at 7:00; Transco vs Oakville, 8:30.
June 7: Simpson vs Concord at 7:00; Jaycees vs Garment Co, 8:30.
June 11: Garment Co. vs Concord at 7:00; Jaycees vs Simpson, 8:30.

Subscripton rate: $2.00 a year; payable in advance.

Play safe — Drive carefully.

Appomattox is a growing town.